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1. Purest aluminum in ingots is imported regularly by Chemiewerk Buna, Schkopau (SAG Kautschuk) from unknown sources in the USSR. It 50X1-HUM is used for the following purposes:
 - a. The manufacture of aluminum chloride at Chemiewerk Buna, Schkopau;
 - b. The manufacture of tissue-thin sheet aluminum used as a lining for acid-proof containers.
2. These containers are made by Walzwerk für Buntmetalle, Kupfer- und Messingwerke Hettstedt (formerly Mansfeld AG) and by Metallurgische AG Eisen- und Hüttenwerke, Thale/Harz (both SAG Marten); Buna, Schkopau supplies them with the ingots from which the sheet aluminum is rolled. They produce certain lined containers which are used in the Buna, Schkopau workshops, but their main product of this kind is a lined container for the transport of acids, etc., similar in size and shape to the standard commercial carbide drum (approximate dimensions: 100-120 cm. high, 50 cm. in diameter).
3. They are used principally for the dispatch of acetic acid and to some extent also of plasticizer-base (sic) (Weichmachermasse), for the most part to the USSR. The return of the empty containers to Buna, Schkopau, is so unreliable that supplies need to be continually renewed.*

* Comment: It is not clear why pure aluminum should be imported by Duna, when a part of these imports is forwarded in the same (ingot) form to Hettstedt and Thale. It has also been noted that pure aluminum is not included among the raw materials used for the production of aluminum chloride. 50X1-HUM

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